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The Baptist Temple
Crisfield
public worship

1921

Outscaling the neighboring dwellings on Somerset Avenue and Main Street, the Baptist Temple stands out as the most impressive neoclassical building in Somerset County. An Ionic columned portico with an decorated pedimented dominates the Somerset Avenue elevation, while a polygonal drum supports the red-tile dome. The sides of the octagonal drum are pierced by round arched windows and trimmed with acroteria. The red-tile dome is topped by a rounded finial. Gabled side elevations render an illusion of a Greek-cross plan.

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Maryland
 COUNTY Somerset
 TOWN Crisfield VICINITY
 STREET NO. Somerset Ave. 801 14th St. (110) 21

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 INVENTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER Baptist Church & parsonage
 ORIGINAL USE religious
 PRESENT OWNER Baptist Church & Parsonage
 PRESENT USE religious
 WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
 NO. OF STORIES 3

2. NAME The Baptist Temple

DATE OR PERIOD 1921
 STYLE Classic Revival
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The bright color of the ^{6chm} ~~red~~ brick with its contrasting white trim and general large scale give the Baptist Temple a prominent place in the town of Crisfield. Built in 1921, the temple is a three story brick structure with Ionic porticos on both street facades. The west facade, however, is the entrance and has a grand stair ~~up~~ to the main floor. The roof appears to be nearly flat behind a balustrade wall which caps the large classical cornice. At the center of the building is a huge octagonal dome with a ball finial atop the tile roof. The west portico is recessed into the structure and entrance to the interior is gained from the sides of the portico. The fenestration is combination of rectangular and semi-circular arched windows. Because of the classical overtones, the building could be classified as a classical revival building.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior good Exterior good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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THE BAPTIST TEMPLE

Crisfield, Somerset Co., MD

NW elev. of church during construct.

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